

# UNITED STATES CONTINUING UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

First Named Inventor (or application identifier): David Felger

Title of Invention: **A METHOD OF BILLING A PURCHASE MADE OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK**

- ☐ Continuation  
☐ Divisional  
☒ Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 09/362,238, filed July 28, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/280,863, filed March 30, 1999.

1. ☒ Specification 59 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 70 claims (2 independent - claims 1 and 55)
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney:
  - ☐ Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
  - ☒ Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
  - ☐ Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
  - ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
  - ☐ Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
3. ☒ 11 Distinct sheets of ☐ Formal ☒ Informal Drawings (Figs. 1-9 and 10a-10c)
4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☐ Form 1449
  - ☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☐ Assignment
  - ☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet attached
  - ☐ Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to:

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7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)

8. ☐ Priority document(s)

9. ☒ Small Entity Statement

- ☐ Small Entity Statement was filed in prior application, Small Entity Status is still proper and desired  
☒ is attached  
☐ is no longer claimed

10. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission

- ☐ Computer Readable Copy  
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

12. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$760.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	50	18.00	\$900.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	0	78.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	260.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$1,660.00
	MULTIPLY BY		
Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$830.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			<b>\$830.00</b>
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	0	40.00	\$0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$830.00</b>

13. PAYMENT is:

- ☒ included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check. A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18

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☐ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) — INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under §§41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled A METHOD OF BILLING A PURCHASE MADE OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.  
☐ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR §1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that false statements made willfully are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both a fine and imprisonment under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code; and further that false statements made willfully may jeopardize the validity of the application, of any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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